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1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Release filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	-20 ^{**} =	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	5	-4 ^{**} =	1	X 43.00 = 43.00
Multiple Dependent				

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1202	18	2202	9
1201	86	2201	43
1203	290	2203	145
1204	86	2204	43
1205	18	2205	9

Claims in excess of 20
Independent claims in excess of 3
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1012	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1262	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	960	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	475.00
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1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	385.00
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 29, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed April 28, 2004, Applicant submits the subject Amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the amendments be entered and that the Examiner reconsider the subject application in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks provided below: